

II. Claims

Claims 1-13 (Canceled without prejudice or disclaimer)

14. (New) An isolated chicken anaemia virus (CAV) having the identifying characteristics of the CAV strain 319, which is deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 00012608.

15. (New) A vaccine for protecting poultry against disease conditions resulting from a CAV infection, comprising an effective dosage of the CAV according to claim 14, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

16. (New) The vaccine according to claim 15, wherein the vaccine further comprises an adjuvant.

17. (New) The vaccine according to claim 15, wherein the vaccine further comprises one or more additional pathogens infectious to poultry.

18. (New) A method for protecting poultry against disease conditions resulting from a CAV infection, comprising the step of administering to the poultry the vaccine according to claim 15.

19. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the vaccine is administered parenterally to one-day-old chicks.

20. (Presently Amended) The vaccine according to claim 15, wherein the VCAV is in a live form.

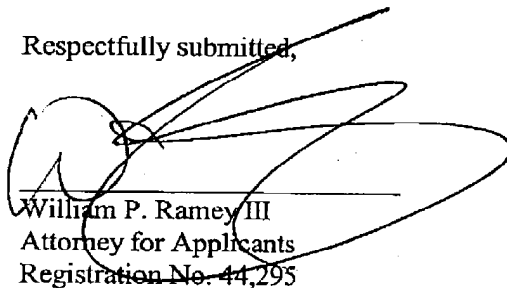
21. (New) The vaccine according to claim 15, wherein the CAV is inactivated.

III. Remarks and Conclusion

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In conclusion, the Claims are believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney to secure allowance. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334.

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